

Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) is a service delivery model intended for individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) who are involved with the criminal justice system. These individuals may also have co-occurring substance use and physical health disorders. Their needs are often complex, and their disorders are often under-managed and further complicated by varying degrees of involvement with the criminal justice system. FACT builds on the evidence-based Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) model by making adaptations based on criminal justice issues—in particular, addressing criminogenic risks and needs. In this sense, FACT is an intervention that bridges the behavioral health and criminal justice systems.



This new collaboration between Pathways Vermont, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Mental Health, and the Vermont Department of Health helps enhance treatment for individuals involved in the criminal justice system.

### **Who is the FACT Team working with?**

All individuals are 18 or older, under the supervision of Corrections, have mental health challenges, and are considered as having moderate to high risk of re-offending.

### **What is the benefit of a FACT Team?**

FACT helps to reduce the likelihood of individuals being incarcerated again, and increases productive, safe, and structured time in the community where they will be provided resources for housing, employment, and opportunities to build social connections.

### **What are the roles on a FACT Team?**

- Team Leader
- Service Coordinator
- Peer Specialist
- Nurse
- Supported Employment Specialist
- Substance Use Specialist
- Therapist
- Psychiatrist